have been filled up;

(b) if so, the number of persons recruited since July 1991;

(c) whether the prescribed reservation quota upto 1991 have been filled up; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of workers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are working at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) BHEL has recruited 345 persons during the period July 91 - Dec. 91. Out of this, 119 persons i.e. about 34.5% belong to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The number of employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes working in BHEL as on 31-12-1991 is 12,756.

[*English*]

Discussions with Trade Unions over Sick Units

1265. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to have discussions with trade unions and local public representatives of the sick public sector units before sending them to the Bureau of Industrial Finance and Reconstruction;

(b) if so, whether any such discussion, was held;

(c) if so, the details where such discussions were held; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (d). The Ministry of Labour constituted a Special Tripartite Committee consisting of representatives of Central trade union organisations, employers' organisations and Central Government. The Committee held its first meeting on 21.12.1991 in which it was decided that the Committee would consider the general principles for rehabilitation of chronically sick units and ensure protection of workers' interest and Industrial Committees in respect of those industries where the number of sick units is large should be revived. In the second meeting held on 20.1.92, it was decided that reconstituted Industrial Committees on various industries, namely, textiles, jute, electricity generation, road transportation, engineering and chemicals would review the sick units in those industries, unitwise, and would prescribe appropriate remedies. The referral to the Board of Industrial Finance and Reconstruction (BIFR) is automatic as per the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. However, the consideration of the sick units by the different re-constituted Industrial Committees/Special Tripartite Committee and BIFR are not mutually exclusive.

[*Translation*]

Manufacturing of low cost Person l Computers

1266. SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to manufacture low cost personal computers in the country;

(b) if so, the cost thereof and whether the Government propose to export these computers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation(ET&T), a public sector corporation under the administrative control of Department of Electronics, propose to manufacture low cost personal computers.

(b) and (c). The cost of low cost personal proposed to be manufactured by ET&T is expected to be 15-20% lower than the prevailing level of prices in the market. ET&T also propose to explore the possibility of export of these computers.

[*English*]

Employment by Khadi and Village Industries Commission in Lakshadweep

1267. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been formulated by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to provide employment to the educated and uneducated unemployed persons in Lakshadweep; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of the unemployed persons likely to be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Specifically no such proposal has been formulated by Khadi and Village Industries Commission. However, since programmes at the state level are implemented through state khadi and village industries boards, the commission has requested the Lakshadweep Khadi and Village Industries Board to identify suitable implementing agencies for taking up K.V.I. programmes for the benefit of educated and uneducated unemployed persons in Lakshadweep.

Unemployed Medicos

1268. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of graduates and post graduates in medicine on the live register of employment exchanges in Maharashtra, with particular reference to Bombay as on December 31, 1991; and

(b) the extent to which this number increases every year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The number of Graduate & post-graduate job-seekers in medicine on the live register of Employment Exchanges in Maharashtra and Bombay as on 30th June, 1990(latest available) are as follows:-

	(Number on Live Register) (In thousand)
Maharashtra	3.95
Bombay	0.70

(b) The number of Graduate & post-graduate job-seekers in medicine on the live register of Employment Exchanges in Maharashtra and Bombay for the last five years is furnished below:-